



# SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 12

## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

**Citations Affected:** Article 6, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Indiana.

**Synopsis:** Term of office of elected officials. Permits the general assembly to fix the dates for beginning terms of county officers in order to establish a uniform schedule of starting dates. This proposed amendment has not been previously agreed to by a general assembly. (This draft was approved by the county government study commission.)

**Effective:** This proposed amendment must be agreed to by two consecutive general assemblies and ratified by a majority of the state's voters voting on the question to be effective.

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January 8, 2002, read first time and referred to Committee on Legislative Apportionment & Elections.

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Second Regular Session 112th General Assembly (2002)

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A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to Article 6, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Indiana concerning local government.

*Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of the
- 2 State of Indiana is proposed and agreed to by this, the One Hundred
- 3 Twelfth General Assembly of the State of Indiana, and is referred to the
- 4 next General Assembly for reconsideration and agreement.
- 5 SECTION 2. ARTICLE 6, SECTION 2 OF THE CONSTITUTION
- 6 OF THE STATE OF INDIANA IS AMENDED TO READ AS
- 7 FOLLOWS: Section 2. (a) There shall be elected, in each county by the
- 8 voters thereof, at the time of holding general elections, a Clerk of the
- 9 Circuit Court, Auditor, Recorder, Treasurer, Sheriff, Coroner, and
- 10 Surveyor, who shall, severally, hold their offices for four years. ~~and~~
- 11 (b) **The General Assembly may provide by law for uniform**
- 12 **dates for beginning the terms of the county officials listed in**
- 13 **subsection (a). If the General Assembly enacts a law to provide a**

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1 uniform date for beginning the terms of a county official listed in  
2 subsection (a), the General Assembly may provide that the term of  
3 each county official initially elected after enactment of the law to  
4 provide the uniform date for beginning the terms of the county  
5 official is for less than four years in order to establish a uniform  
6 schedule of dates for the beginning of terms for the office.  
7 However, after the initial election for each office, the term for that  
8 office shall be for four years.

9 (c) No person shall be eligible to the office of Clerk, Auditor,  
10 Recorder, Treasurer, Sheriff, or Coroner more than eight years in any  
11 period of twelve years.

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